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Draft decisions submitted by the Acting Chairman of the Economic Committee, Mr. René Valéry Mongbe (Benin)

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the report of the Committee on Natural Resources, 1/

(a) Decides, in accordance with recommendations contained in chapter I, section A, of the above report that the second session of the Committee should meet in 1994 and the normal two-year meeting cycle resume at that time and the third session be held in 1996;

(b) Adopts the agenda of the second session of the Committee, annexed below, which is based on section Q of chapter I of the report, with the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Review and recasting of recommendations made at its first session", and requests the Secretariat to prepare reports related to this agenda, as required, taking into account existing reports and studies on these issues;

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(c) Requests the Committee on Natural Resources to review at its second session, as a matter of priority, its recommendations relating to water with a view to making a contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its second session, in 1994;

(d) Requests the Committee on Natural Resources, at its second session, to review and recast the recommendations of its first session by following, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a standard pattern of reporting when presenting its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council.

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Activities of the United Nations system in the field of water and mineral resources, and inter-agency coordination.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on activities of the organizations of the United Nations system and inter-agency coordination in the field of water resources (including disaster prevention and mitigation in the field of water resources; particular emphasis to be given to issues of public participation and the role of women in the development and management of water resources).

Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation activities of the United Nations system in the mining sector (with particular emphasis on projects aimed at enhancing the capacity of developing countries and economies in transition, and including disaster prevention and mitigation in the field of mineral resources).

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the Governing Council of UNDP on the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.

Report of the Secretary-General on existing international principles, rules and regulations governing the relationship between the owner of data collected through remote-sensing techniques and the country to which such data are related, as well as on the present state of activities within the United Nations system (taking into account recent advances in remote sensing, geophysics, data processing and other relevant techniques).

4. Review and recasting of the recommendations made at the first session.

5. Review of progress on water-related issues:

(a) Review of progress, constraints and limitations in the implementation of water-related issues (including inputs from specialized agencies and regional commissions);

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken by Governments towards meeting the objectives of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and Agenda 21 on water-related issues.

(b) Consideration of new instruments for global action;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on activities related to instruments for global action in other environmental areas and on the substantive content of such instruments.

6. Legislative and institutional aspects of water resources management.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on institutional and legal issues related to integrated water resources management.

7. Economic and social development needs in the mineral sector:

(a) Flow of financial resources, development and transfer of technology to develop the mineral resources in developing countries and economies in transition;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of facilitating the flow of financial resources and the development and transfer of technology to develop the mineral resources sector of developing countries and economies in transition.

(b) Regional mineral resource assessment programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing a review of regional mineral resource assessment programmes and resource needs.

(c) Small-scale mining activities in developing countries and economies in transition.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on small-scale mining activities in developing countries and economies in transition (including social and environmental impacts related to legislation and regulations; and mechanized operations, with special attention to the role and contribution of women).

8. Effects of environmental protection and conservation policies on the mineral sector (including consideration of available studies by concerned entities of the United Nations system on the impact on the environment of exploration and mining, and review of state-of-the-art technologies dealing with processing of mining wastes and tailings).

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on the effects of changing environmental legislation and regulations applicable to the mining industry on a global basis.

9. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second session.